

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

**APR 28 2008**

Serial No.: 09/836,637

PA000007

**Amendments to the Drawings**

Please **replace** drawing sheet 2 with the **attached** drawing sheet 2.

Serial No.: 09/836,637

PA000007

**Remarks**

In view of the following discussion, the applicants submit that the claims now pending in the application are not anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 102, or obvious under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 103. Thus, the applicants believe that all of these claims are in allowable form.

**OBJECTIONS****A. Drawings**

The Examiner objects to the drawings because reference character "9" has been used to designate both a loudspeaker cabinet and speaker in Fig. 2b. Applicant's have amended FIG. 2b in the attached replacement drawing sheet to replace reference character "9" used to designate the speaker with reference character "11". In view of this amendment to FIG. 2b, the basis for the Examiner's objection thereto has been removed. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that this objection be withdrawn.

**REJECTIONS****A. 35 U. S. C. § 102****1. Claims 1-2 and 4-7 are not anticipated by Kelly et al.**

Claims 1-2 and 4-7 stand rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Kelly et al. (U. S. Patent 6,526,150 issued February 25, 2003). The applicants submit that these claims are not anticipated by this reference.

Claim 1 is directed to a cabinet for an electronic device equipped with loudspeakers (see, specification at page 1, lines 5-6). The cabinet includes a first

Serial No.: 09/836,637

PA000007

cabinet 4 for housing electrical and mechanical components of the electronic device and having a first wall 6 and a second wall 7 (see, specification at FIGS. 2a-2b and page 2, lines 13-15 and lines 26-27). The first cabinet 4 also includes a confining area 8 for connecting the first wall 6 to the second wall 7 and for accommodating a separate second cabinet 9 for the loudspeaker 11 (see, specification at FIG. 2a and page 2, lines 15-16 and lines 27-28). A sidewall of the second cabinet 9 is formed to follow the shape of the confining area 8 (see, specification at FIGS. 2-3 and page 6, lines 13-15) and the second cabinet 9 is connected to the first cabinet 4 in a non-detachable manner (see, specification at FIG. 2b and page 2, lines 16-18).

Kelly et al. describes a telephone loudspeaker enclosure (see, Kelly et al. at column 1, lines 5-12). In the Kelly et al., the telephone loudspeaker enclosure includes screw posts 58, 59 with shoulder gaskets 50, 52 and apertures 46, 48 including wall 26 should not be interpreted as the confining area 8 in our application (see, Kelly et al. at FIGS. 1-4). The screw posts 58, 59, and apertures 46, 48 are just common securing means to secure the base 22 and speaker enclosure 26 with top cover 24 (see, Kelly et al. at FIG. 1 and column 4, lines 6-11). The shoulder gaskets 50, 52 are sealing means used to seal the speaker enclosure 26 around the screw posts 58 and 59 as well as mechanically isolate the speaker enclosure from the top cover 24 and the base 22 (see, Kelly et al. at FIG. 2 and column 4, lines 12-15).

The screw posts 58, 59 with shoulder gaskets 50, 52 and apertures 46, 48 of Kelley et al. do not correspond to the confining area 8 recited in applicant's claim 1. Even if the Examiner considered the screw posts 58, 59 with shoulder gaskets 50, 52 and apertures 46, 48, along with the side wall 26 following the shape by forming a smoothing transition to top cover 24 through TPE gaskets 43 in FIG. 3 of Kelly et al. such an arrangement is quite different from the recitation of 'a sidewall of the second cabinet 9 is formed to follow the shape of the confining area 8' recited in Applicant's claim 1. Referring to applicant's FIG. 2b, the confining area 8 and a sidewall of the second cabinet 9 are different parts.

Serial No.: 09/836,637

PA000007

While according to the Examiner's analysis, the side wall 26 in Kelly et al. belongs to both the confining area and the sidewall of the second cabinet.

In addition, the sealed chamber 30 shown in FIG. 2 of Kelly et al., is formed when the top cover 24, speaker enclosure 26 and base 22 are assembled together (see, Kelly et al. at column 2, line 54). However, in applicant's arrangement recited in claim 1, if the first wall 6, the second wall 7 and the confining area 8 or a sidewall of the second cabinet 9 are assembled together, the second cabinet 9 is not a sealed one.

All in all, Kelly et al. does not disclose a cabinet which comprises a first cabinet for housing electrical and mechanical components of the electronic device and having a first wall and a second wall, nor that the first cabinet also includes a confining area for connecting the first wall and a second wall and for accommodating a separate cabinet for the loudspeaker, wherein a sidewall of the second cabinet is formed to follow the shape of the confining area as recited in applicant's claim 1. As such, claim 1 is patentable over Kelly et al.

Claims 2 and 4-7 depend directly, or indirectly, from claim 1. For the same reasons as stated above for claim 1, claims 2 and 4-7 are also patentable over Kelly et al.

**B. 35 U. S. C. § 103**

**1. Claim 3 is not unpatentable over Kelly et al.**

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U. S. C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kelly et al. (U. S. Patent 6,526,150 issued February 25, 2003). The applicants submit that this claim is not rendered obvious by this reference.

Claim 3 depends from claim 1 and is directed to a cabinet for an electronic device equipped with loudspeakers (see, specification at page 1, lines 5-6). The cabinet includes a first cabinet 4 for housing electrical and mechanical components of the electronic device and having a first wall 6 and a second wall 7

Serial No.: 09/836,637

PA000007

(see, specification at FIGS. 2a-2b and page 2, lines 13-15 and lines 26-27). The first cabinet 4 also includes a confining area 8 for connecting the first wall 6 to the second wall 7 and for accommodating a separate second cabinet 9 for the loudspeaker 11 (see, specification at FIG. 2a and page 2, lines 15-16 and lines 27-28). A sidewall of the second cabinet 9 is formed to follow the shape of the confining area 8 (see, specification at FIGS. 2-3 and page 6, lines 13-15) and the second cabinet 9 is connected to the first cabinet 4 in a non-detachable manner (see, specification at FIG. 2b and page 2, lines 16-18).

Kelly et al. describes a telephone loudspeaker enclosure (see, Kelly et al. at column 1, lines 5-12). In the Kelly et al., the telephone loudspeaker enclosure includes screw posts 58, 59 with shoulder gaskets 50, 52 and apertures 46, 48 including wall 26 should not be interpreted as the confining area 8 in our application (see, Kelly et al. at FIGS. 1-4). The screw posts 58, 59, and apertures 46, 48 are just common securing means to secure the base 22 and speaker enclosure 26 with top cover 24 (see, Kelly et al. at FIG. 1 and column 4, lines 6-11). The shoulder gaskets 50, 52 are sealing means used to seal the speaker enclosure 26 around the screw posts 58 and 59 as well as mechanically isolate the speaker enclosure from the top cover 24 and the base 22 (see, Kelly et al. at FIG. 2 and column 4, lines 12-15).

The screw posts 58, 59 with shoulder gaskets 50, 52 and apertures 46, 48 of Kelley et al. do not correspond to the confining area 8 recited in applicant's claim 3. Even if the Examiner considered the screw posts 58, 59 with shoulder gaskets 50, 52 and apertures 46, 48, along with the side wall 26 following the shape by forming a smoothing transition to top cover 24 through TPE gaskets 43 in FIG. 3 of Kelly et al. such an arrangement is quite different from the recitation of 'a sidewall of the second cabinet 9 is formed to follow the shape of the confining area 8' recited in Applicant's claim 3. Referring to applicant's FIG. 2b, the confining area 8 and a sidewall of the second cabinet 9 are different parts. While according to the Examiner's analysis, the side wall 26 in Kelly et al. belongs to both the confining area and the sidewall of the second cabinet.

**RECEIVED  
CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

**APR 28 2008**

Serial No.: 09/836,637

PA000007

In addition, the sealed chamber 30 shown in FIG. 2 of Kelly et al., is formed when the top cover 24, speaker enclosure 26 and base 22 are assembled together (see, Kelly et al. at column 2, line 54). However, in applicant's arrangement recited in claim 3, if the first wall 6, the second wall 7 and the confining area 8 or a sidewall of the second cabinet 9 are assembled together, the second cabinet 9 is not a sealed one.

All in all, Kelly et al. does not disclose a cabinet which comprises a first cabinet for housing electrical and mechanical components of the electronic device and having a first wall and a second wall, nor that the first cabinet also includes a confining area for connecting the first wall and a second wall and for accommodating a separate cabinet for the loudspeaker, wherein a sidewall of the second cabinet is formed to follow the shape of the confining area as recited in applicant's claim 3. As such, claim 3 is patentable over Kelly et al.

#### CONCLUSION

Thus, the applicants submit that none of the claims presently in the application are anticipated under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 102, or obvious under the provisions of 35 U. S. C. § 103. Consequently, the applicants believe that all of the claims are presently in condition for allowance. Accordingly, both reconsideration of this application and its swift passage to issue are earnestly solicited.

If, however, the Examiner believes that there are any unresolved issues requiring adverse final action in any of the claims now pending in the application,

**RECEIVED**  
**CENTRAL FAX CENTER**

**APR 28 2008**

Serial No.: 09/836,637

PA000007

it is requested that the Examiner telephone Ms. Patricia A. Verlangieri, at (609) 734-6867, so that appropriate arrangements can be made for resolving such issues as expeditiously as possible.

Respectfully submitted,



Patricia A. Verlangieri

Reg. No. 42,201

(609) 734-6867

Thomson Licensing LLC  
P. O. Box 5312  
Princeton, New Jersey 08543-5312

April 28, 2008